



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 3495.0199-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Pierre CHARNEAU et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
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Application No.: 10/602,663 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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Filed: June 25, 2003 )  
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For: USE OF TRIPLEX STRUCTURE )  
DNA IN TRANSFERRING )  
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

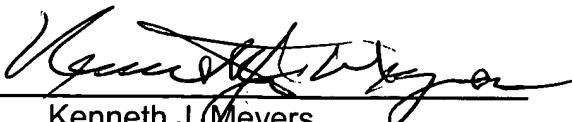
Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Office  
Action of November 5, 2003. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 5, 2004

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